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Sir:

In connection with a Sequence Listing submitted concurrently herewith, the undersigned hereby states that:

- $1. \qquad \text{the submission, filed herewith in accordance with 37} \\ \text{C.F.R. § 1.821(g), does not include new matter;}$
- 2. the content of the attached paper copy and the attached computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same.

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